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Dear Dr. Pimentel:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter to Dr. Halvorson of 9 August 1967 but I have been away on vacation. The comparison between causes of rejection in World War II and the current conflicts can often be misleading due to differences in standards as well as terminology. The qualification test for current inductees (AFQT) is considerably more selective than tests used during World War II and it is for this reason that the rejection rate is much higher. More detailed information on the causes for rejection by states, age, race, etc. is contained in the enclosed article published by the Medical Statistics Agency of the Office of the Surgeon General.

In your letter you mentioned mental defects. I hope that my section of the report did not indicate an increase in the rejection on the basis of mental defects in the sense of pathology. In fact, the causes for rejection for physical defects of the brain and the nervous system have decreased since World War II. I hope that this will be of assistance to you.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature Box]

cc: Dr. Halvorson

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